

NSC BRIEFING

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- I. Most Congress and Communist party leaders now expect New Delhi to impose President's Rule in Kerala State within a month.
- A. Formal government decision not likely until late July; Congress leaders meanwhile are trying to prepare strong legal case for intervention and gear up party for Kerala elections which would follow imposition of President's Rule.
- B. Communists planning retaliatory agitation in other key states, including West Bengal, Bombay, Punjab, but in line with 3 July "advice" from Moscow apparently will avoid "drastic program."
1. Moscow directive, [REDACTED] promised to support Indian Communists in undertaking widespread agitation--presumably non-violent.

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